

*I am the Way
the Truth
and the Life*
John 14:6

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Congratulations
Family Faith Formation

First Holy Communion

-5pm & 10:30am Liturgy-

May 2 & May 3, 2026

Pastor
Fr. Leo J Edgerly Jr

In Residence
Fr. Basil De Pinto

Guest Celebrants
Fr. Paul R Vassar
Fr. Kwame Assenyoh

Gathering Song *What Is Our Service - by Scott Crandal*

1. What is our service to be, our sacred ministry?
What does God ask?
Walk with integrity, do_ justice faithfully,
love_ others tenderly. This is our task.

2. What is the good news we bring?
In whose name shall we sing? Dare to proclaim.
Courage in face of fears, Laugh-ter in place of tears,
God's_ favor all_ our years. In Jesus name.

What is the mission we share. Whose is the image we bear?
Let us acclaim! Each person's dignity, hu-man equality,
Love_ that has set_ us free: Christ we proclaim! vs 1

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Gloria - music by Joseph Hébert

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax.
Hominibus bonae voluntatis.
We praise you, we bless you,
We adore you, we glorify you.
We give you thanks for your great glory.

Lord God heavenly King, O God almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ only begotten Son.
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

Quoniam tu solus sanctus. Tu solus Dominus.
Tu solus altissimus Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. A-men.

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Acts 6:1-7

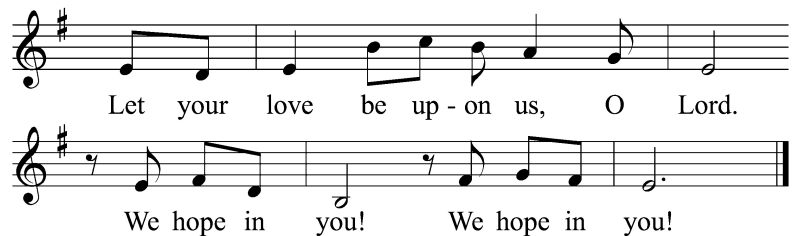
As the number of disciples continued to grow,
the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews
because their widows were being neglected in the daily
distribution.
So the Twelve called together the community of the
disciples and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the
word of God to serve at table.
Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men,
filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall
appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves
to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

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Acts 6:1-7

The proposal was acceptable to the whole community,
so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy
Spirit, also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas,
and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism.
They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and
laid hands on them. The word of God continued to spread,
and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased
greatly; even a large group of priests were becoming
obedient to the faith.

Psalm 33



Let your love be up - on us, O Lord.
We hope in you! We hope in you!

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1 Peter 2:4-9

Beloved:
Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings
but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living
stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a
holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God
through Jesus Christ.
For it says in Scripture: *Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion,
a cornerstone, chosen and precious, and whoever believes
in it shall not be put to shame.*
Therefore, its value is for you who have faith, but for those
without faith:
*The stone that the builders rejected has become the
cornerstone, and A stone that will make people stumble,
and a rock that will make them fall.*
They stumble by disobeying the word, as is their destiny.
You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, a people of his own,
so that you may announce the praises" of him
who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel Acclamation



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John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Preparation of the Gifts *Drawn To You by Sarah Hart*

Drawn to you, Lord we are drawn to you,
To the beauty of your presence in this place.
Here for you, God we are here for you,
as the gifts we bring become a feast of grace.
We are drawn to you.



1. Drawn by the love that you have poured on us,
We bring these gifts, works of our hands.
You gather all we offer to yourself, receive our prayer.

2. Drawn by the table you have laid for us,
the welcome feast, your heart prepares,
the words now spoken that will make us one,
receive our prayer.

Eucharistic Acclamations *Mass of the Living God*

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Holy Lord_ God of Hosts.
Hea-ven and earth_ are full_ of your glo-ry (*4 claps*)
Hosan-na, Hosan-na, Hosan-na in the high-est!
Hosan-na, Hosan-na, Hosan-na in the high-est!
Blest is He, blest is He,
who comes in the name of the Lord (*4 claps*)...*Hosanna*

Mystery of Faith

We proclaim_ your death_ O_ Lord
And profess_ your resurrection, Until you come_ a-gain.

Amen

For-ever_ and ever, forever and ever A-men (*repeat*)

Lamb of God (Fraction rite)

Lamb of God you take away_ the sins_ of the world
Have mer-cy on us. (*2x*)...Grant us peace (*final x*)

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Communion *I Am The Bread of Life Steve Angrisano/Tom Booth*

I am the Bread of life, I am the hope in night,
I am the door wide open, I am the shepherd's might,
I am the truth and light, I am the way and life,
I Am Who Am and I am for you: Come and follow me.

I am bread for the world, hope for the hopeless.
Come to me, and know that I'll always be there,
with my arms open wide.
I Am Who AM and I am for you: Come and follow me.

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See What You Are - by Gokelman/Kauffman

See what you are, become what you eat,
We are the body of Christ, Blessed and then broken,
Shared by us all so that we become
Christ's presence, to God's people.

Take and eat, take and eat, this is the bread of life,
take and drink, take and drink; this is the cup of salva-tion.

Here is our prayer, Lord hear our prayer,
as we share in this meal may all that you are,
become in us, so that your love lives forev-er.

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Joyful Joyful we adore thee God of glory Lord of love.
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the doubt of dark away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.



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